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GOVERNMENT UPHOLDS COMPETITIVE TENDER OUTCOME FOR DAMANG
MINING LEASE

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (“Ministry”) hereby informs the public that the Ministry has today, 7th April 2026, received the Report of the Tender Committee set up by the Minerals Commission under Regulation 261 of the Minerals and Mining (Licensing) Regulations, 2012 (LI 2176).

Pursuant to Regulations 262(1)(b) and 263 of LI 2176, the Commission has recommended that the Damang Mining Lease be granted to Engineers and Planners Ltd (“E&P”), determined by the Tender Committee as the successful tenderer. This recommendation has been approved by the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, with a further directive to the Commission to take all the requisite regulatory steps to give effect to the approval.

According to the Tender Committee, E&P’s bid

“satisfied all mandatory requirements set out in the Notice and provided documentary evidence of access to financing, meeting the USD 500 million minimum threshold. The tender documentation indicates that the Company possesses experience and knowledge relevant to the operations, infrastructure, and geology of the Damang Mine and submitted proposals for the development of same, including measures intended to extend the life of mine beyond ten (10) years”.

Concluding, the Tender Committee states that

“On the basis of the applicable evaluation criteria and scoring, the tender submitted by Engineers and Planners Ltd attained the highest evaluated score. In summary, the Company demonstrated the highest capability to operate the Damang mine, substantiated by their submission of the most viable tender”.

According to the Report, a total of four (4) tenders were received by the 16:00 GMT deadline on Tuesday, 31st March 2026, which also served as the announced tender opening day. All tenders were considered based on the guidelines issued by the Minister in accordance with Regulation 258(4) of LI 2176. The four companies are:

- i. Vortex Resources Mining Group
- ii. Engineers and Planners Ltd
- iii. Heath Goldfields Ltd, and
- iv. Maripoma Mining Services Ltd

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The four (4) tenders were then examined in accordance with the mandatory requirements set out in Phase 1, Annexure C of the Notice, which states that if any tenderer fails to comply with any of the mandatory requirements, it “*shall result in the tender being disqualified and not to be considered for further evaluation.*” The mandatory requirements are:

- Proof of wholly owned Ghanaian registered company with registration documents indicating current directors, shareholdings and beneficial ownership
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- Valid SSNIT clearance certificate
- Valid VAT clearance certificate
- Valid certificate of incorporation
- Payment of the application fee of GHS100,000.00

Following verification, only Engineers and Planners Ltd and Heath Goldfields Ltd met the mandatory requirements; Maripoma Mining Services Ltd and Vortex Resources Mining Group were disqualified as non-responsive for failing to submit the required documents.

Accordingly, pursuant to Regulation 260(7) of LI 2176, the two (2) responsive tenders were submitted to the Tender Committee for technical and financial evaluation. Following the technical assessment, Heath Goldfields Ltd failed to achieve the minimum qualifying score of 80%, and its financial proposal was therefore not evaluated, in line with the Notice.

The Ministry commends the Commission, particularly the members of the Tender Committee, for their dedication to this critical national assignment, and reiterates Government’s commitment to the Damang Mine’s continued contribution to Ghana’s economy.

The Minerals Commission is accordingly directed to take all the necessary regulatory steps to give effect to this approval.

SIGNED

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